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said storing step including storing the audio data in a frame buffer having a predetermined size, and said transmitting step occurring whenever said monitoring step detects a periods of silence or whenever the frame buffer is full.

62. The method of claim 61, the method further comprising the step of creating a voice buffer from the frame buffer before said transmitting step.

63. The method of claim 62, wherein said creating step is accomplished by compressing the contents of the frame buffer.

REMARKS

Objections to the specification:

In paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Action, the specification is objected to because of some minor misspellings and for the inclusion of various acronyms without an explanation of what the acronyms stand for. Applicants have amended the specification above to correct these errors. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the specification should be acceptable as amended.

Claim rejections:

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Paragraphs 3-8 of the Action reject claims 1, 2, 5-27, 32-35, 38-44, 46-51, and 58-60 under 35 USC §§ 102, 103, or 112. In order to speed allowance of the remaining claims, Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims, thereby rendering the rejections moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections as to these claims. Applicants note, however, that these claims are cancelled without prejudice and Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any patentable subject matter that may be included in the cancelled claims at a later time. Moreover, the canceling of the rejected claims does not mean

that Applicants agree with the rejection of any particular claim or that Applicants believe that none of the cancelled claims contain patentable subject matter.

Claim Objections:

Paragraph 9 of the action objects to claims 3, 4, 28-31, 36-37, 45, 52-57, and 61-63 as depending from a rejected base claim. Applicants have amended the claims to remove the dependencies upon rejected base claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection as to these claims.

CONCLUSION

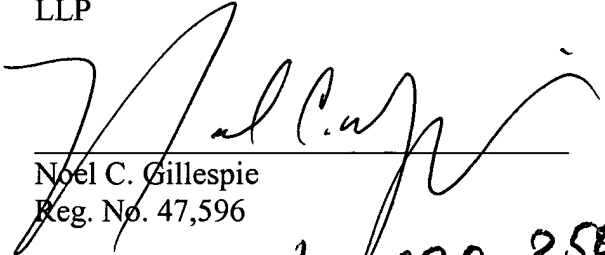
Based on the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

After the above Amendments, claims 3, 4, 28-31, 36-37, 45, 52-57, and 61-63 are still pending in the application. Because this response is being mailed within 3 months of the date of the Office Action, no extension fee is believed due with this response. In any event, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this response to our Deposit Account No. **50-2613**.

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